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WANTED: VOLUNTEERS FOR SAPD

The San Antonio Police Department is looking for a few good men and women who would like to volunteer their time for various functions within the Department.

We offer a variety of volunteer opportunities to include participation in the:

- Public Safety Team Issues handicap parking citations to vehicles illegally parked in handicap parking.
- Citizen Observers Reducing Auto Theft (CObRA-T Team) Rooftop surveillance to assist in the prevention of burglary and theft of vehicles.
- Warrant Driver Enforcer Research and maintain the SAPD Warrant Tracking System.
- Unit Volunteer Assist with general office work to include filing, typing and answering telephones.
- Special Projects Volunteer Work closely with police personnel on special projects such as health fairs, awards ceremonies, promotions, SAPD Memorial Services.
- Mystery Shopper Conducts anonymous customer service surveys of City departments.
- Family Assistance Crisis Team Volunteers located at area substations available to victims of domestic violence for referrals and other information.
- Cellular On Patrol Armed with cell phones, work as added "eyes and ears" for police calling in suspicious activity in neighborhoods.
- Citizen's Police Academy Behind the scenes classes to provide hands-on experience of police officers.

Anyone interested, please contact the SAPD Volunteer line at 207-3319.

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